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ANIMATED CONTROVERSY

OVER THE MATTER OF THE CAN-DLE POWER OF ARC LIGHTS

ON THE STREETS.

The City Electrician Sustains the Contention of the New Electric Light Matters of Importance.

last night during the session of the city council when City Electrician Peticolas officially reported in favor of the new light company and recommended quested. that the full contract price for street

from Zach White of the old company and in a few moments he, expert Humphrey from St. Louis and J. P. Dieter motion of Alderman Padger. had locked horns. The expert flatly contradicted Mr. White's statements and pronounced the lights furnished company to have been 'wretched.'

Among other business transacted last night was the sale of the bonds to N. W. Harris, of Chicago for over ten per cent premium.

The Proceedings.

A quorum was present when the mayor called the council to order last | George Allen petitioned for a reducnight. The minutes having been read and approved the regular business of claiming that he the city legislative body was next for double values. transacted.

The chief reported the city to be in total darkness and said he was reliably informed that the new company's plant would not be repaired on trains and asked that the laws within ten days. Lights, he said, were essential, inasmuch as the town is full forced for the benefit of the boys as of strangers. He recommended that well as for the railway company. It some action be taken to relieve the situation.

Alderman Grant stated that the board of health had requested that no health ordinance.

Alderman Badger stated that according to his understanding the board wanted to meet the ordinance committee and discuss the matter. Dr. Race, who was present, said he was of the same opinion.

Alderman Clifford presented the following budget of bills, which were approved:

Fire department expenses, \$185; Kely & Pollard, \$117.90; G. A. Kaseman, coal for jail, \$12.40; O. G. Seeton, pest house supplies, \$14.45; G. A. Kaseman, coal for pest house, \$8.20; W. R. Grayson & Co., printing 1,509 tax receipts, \$23.50; minutes corporation court, \$20: Fassett & Kelly, hardware for chief, city engineer, street commissioner city hall, \$99.90; G. A. Kaseman, coal for city hall, \$42.15; J. J. O'Neil, supplies for pest house, \$34.50; pay roll street department, \$67; T. H. Bennett, tools for sewer department, \$9.70; Momsen & Thorne, supplies, \$4; El Paso Foundry, sewer department supplies, \$67.80: Consumers' Ice Co., 405 pounds of ice, \$3.05; Ballinger & Longwell Transfer Co., hauling sprinklers, \$8; Bushong & Feldman, 22 copies criminals, \$4.50; H. D. Richey, supplies for street commissioner, \$12.50; fire department, \$8.75; El Paso Ice Co., 50 pounds ice, \$1.15; Gas Co., \$16.70; Water Co., \$818.98; A. K. Albers & Co., supplies for city clerk, \$6.75; J. Holland, \$4; O. T. Bassett & Co., supplies for street commissioner, \$3.96; Fenchler Bros., supplies for pest house, \$10.15; Western Union Telegraph Co., telegrams for chief of police. \$3.91.

Lights for the Carnival.

Alderman Brunner announced that water committee wanted to know

company and the El Paso Light company for furnishing additional lights during the Carnival at a cost of \$725. The report was received and filed.

and East Overland.

John Connors asked for a leave of association asked that the sale of re-Company, and the Old Company turning rubber balls be prohibited dur-Puts Up a Strong Protest.-Other ing the Carnival and that the chief of police be instructed to act accordingly. There was quite a little stir created balls?" asked the mayor dearmily.

> Dr. Race explained. chief of police was instructed as re-

A communication from the Carnival The report brought forth a protest the Carnival association January 18, to the light companies. If Mr. White claimed that the old lamps visit all Carnival attractions as guests could furnish the lights the new comof the association. It was accepted, on pany was willing to pay him any reas-

To Prohibit Wooden Sheds.

A request from the fire department asked that the ordinance against crecting wooden sheds with in the Gre limits be enforced ; also that all high houses be provided with fire escapes.

Alderman Badger said the ordinance was being totally disregarded and asked that the petition be referred to the to take action.

tion of the assessments on two lots,

Referred to the taxation committee. A communication from the G. H. railway called the attention to the fact that boys are continualy stealing rides against such practice be strictly enwas requested that one or more policemen be detailed to patrol the railway property to kepe the boys away.

Alderman Ogden said he thought immediate action be taken on the the company's special officers ought to be able to protect the trains and the request was tabled.

The Flag to Fly Every Day.

The G. A. R. post petitioned that the United States flag be raised in the plaza and on all public school buildings Mr. Peticolas?" asked the mayor, who chants there a few days ago and got throughout the year.

Alderman Clifford thought the council had no authority except as to the plaza flag, which Ed Wales has kept it might have been. hidden away so long.

It was ordered that the Mag in the plaza be raised by the street and grade committee and the school house proposition be referred to the trustees.

Major Hammett presented a communication from the chamber of commerce embodying the resolution in regard to railroads adopted at the jast yesterday's Herald. On motion of Alderman Brunner the communication

Alderman Badger urged the necessity of cleaning up the alleys for the Carnival and said the work had already begun by direction of the board of health. He moved that authority be given the board of chalth to emplay Frank Simmons with several teams and assistants to do the work.

Alderman Clifford, the watch dog of the treasury, was on his feet in an instant saving, "But, your honor, we are paying a man to do the work already We are paying Mr. Charman."

Mr. Badger explained further that there was a great deal of trash that Charman would not clean out and the city must have clean alleys. If Charman would not do the work then the city must have it done by others. The motion was dopted.

Alderman Brunner, of the fire and

his committee had entered into con- when the new light company would be ed to see the new company forced to machnery.

J. P. Dieter replied that his com- ity. pany hoped to be running by January He was all worked up and when Al-15. If not, he said they intended to derman Ogden said the council was A light was authorized, corner Ochoa ask the other company to turn on its not present to listen to arguments bemarked that the other company was his finger at him and said: "That's absence for 30 days. It was granted, already overtaxed and the fear of hav- all right, young fellow, you keep still. A communication from the Carnival ing the city's outskirts in total dark- You better be trying to save money ness during the Carnival seemed to for the taxpayers. I'm here for busifill the council with dread.

Alderman Burton moved that the matter be placed in the hands of the Humphrey stated that Zach White's "What are these return rubber fire and water committee with power assertion about his lights being betto act.

Before the motion was seconded Mr On motion of Alderman Badger the Dieter asked to hear from Zach White, were far better than the "miserable" who was present. Mr. Dieter said it lights furnished by the old company. was no question between the light He said he was not speaking for the companies, but between the city and benefit of the new company but merely association invited the council to meet the light companies. If Mr. White from a scientific standpoint and when onable price.

> Mr. White replied that it would be time enough for him to take action after the council had referred to matter to the committee. It was referred. City Electrician Peticolas's report

about to be laid over without reading until the next meeting when men laughed uproariously. Mr. Dieter requested that it be read while the expert from St. Louis was fire and water committee and fire chief yet in the city. It was then read substantially as given in yesterday's Herand thoroughly exhautive. The city most ready cash. electrician had consumed several On motion of Alderman Burto weeks and much midnight oil in preparing it. It was as stated vesterday. favorable to the new company showing conclusively that their street lamps AMERICAN CROOKS ARE came up to every requirement. The recommendation was made however that opalescent inner globes be used On Americans in Chihuahua, and Serto intensify the light.

> During the reading of this report the aldermen wore long solemn faces and the mayor's countenance was a study. The clerk puffed his cigar and gazed into vacancy. It was a corker and could be comprehended by a school boy. Its arguments were convincing and as a remarkable treatise on Watts, Amperes, etc., etc., it would have caused the heart of a college pro-

> fessor to leap with joy. "When did you make those tests, was the first to recover his reason.

Mr. Peticolas gave the date and said his test had not been as exhaustive as

Electrician Humphrey, of St. Louis, took the floor to explain that the term "actual candle power" had no true meaning, but the common trade term was "nominal candle power." recommended the opalescent inner globe for the street lamps, as suggested by Mr. Peticolas in his report. Two thousand actual candle power meeting of the chamter as published in lamps, he said, had never been made.

Locked Horns.

Zach White got up to ask Mr. Humphrey if he knew anything about the Brush system making a 2,000 actual candle power lamps. Mr. Humphrey said he had never

heard of them. Mr. White urged on the council that

he wanted to see the new company forced to carry out its contract for the reason that they had promised to give the city a lamp 800 candle power better than the lamp his company was furnishing.

He said they were not giving anyhing like even a 1,200 candle power an.p. which was the kind his comany had been giving. "My company vill furnish good lights," said he "and am here for business." With an agrieved air he told how the council ad given the new company a contract or lighting the city without even alowing him a chance to bid. He want-

tract with the Southern Electric Light prepared to resume the running of its keep its contract and not allowed to crawl out of the hole on a technical-

ness."

By permission of the council Mr. ter than the new was ridiculous, as tests would show that the new lights were better than the new he was making a claim that was monstrous and absurd.

J. P. Dieter took the floor and cracked a joke at Zach's expense, saying that the lights of the new company caused the lights of the old company to throw a shadow when they were burning side by side. The alder

This incident having closed the bond sale was taken up.

C. R. Morehead of the school board. stated that the board favored acceptald. It was about thre columns long ing the bond bid that brought in the has relented, and the way in which

> bid of N. W. Harris of \$83,302.50, was unanimously accepted.

PREYING UNMERCIFULLY

eral Soft Things Are Reported From There of Late.

American crooks are preving unmercifully on the pockets of the Americans at Chihuahua. Hardly a day passes but some American smooth gets in his work to the amount of several hundred dollars and the American colony there is justly sore at their countrymen tourists.

A nicely dress individual giving his name as Walters worked several mersafely out of the country. He called on M. W. Allen, a grocery merchant there, and explained that he wanted groceries for his laborers at the mines he was operating west of Chihuahua. Allen thought him straight and put up about \$200 worth of goods for him. The stranger thn gave him a check for \$500 gold on an El Paso bank and borsend the check to El Paso and keep the rest of the money until the stranger came in again. e also went to William Dale and made the same kind the Mexican republic. of arrangements. The checks were sent to El Paso and turned down of course, but not until the smooth stranger had gone to parts unknown.

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THE FIRST STEP TAKEN

current, but Alderman Stewart re- tween outsiders Mr. White pointed In the Resumption of Diplomatic Relations Between Mexico and Austria.

Mme. von Hengelmuller, wife of Dr. von Hengelmuller, Austro-Hungarian white house by the Mexican ambassador, who had been assigned to her as escort, that it may be of interest to state that the first steps have now been taken to bring about a resumption of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and Mexico. These relations have been interrupted ever since the tragic death of the Austrian emperor's brother, Maximilian in 1867, and until now Francis Joseph has always declined to consent to any intercourse between his court and the gov ernment of a republic which had destroyed the life of his brother. While taking their cue from their sovereign the Austrian diplomats throughout the world have invariably held aloof from their Mexican colleagues. All attempts made by mutually friendly governments to bring about a reconciliation met with point blank refusal.

At length, however, Francis Joseph he has been brought to modify his attitude towards the Mexican govern-ment is as follows: Some time ago the members of the very considerable Austro-Hungarian colony in Mexico, who in default of any diplomatic of consular representation of their own are dependent upon the German diplomatic and consular authorities, decided to erect a memorial chapel on the spot at Queretaro where Emperor Maximilian was shot down by a file of sol- and 50 cents. M. A. Webb, druggist. diers after having been sentenced to death by a Mexican court-martial. On learning this the Mexican government on the recommendation of President Diaz, not only gave its sanction to the project, but likewise presented to the Austro-Hungarian committee formefor the purpose, one site for the chapel, which had lately been completed, and which is now about to be solemnly consecrated, the handsome decora-tions of the interior having been provided by means of subscriptions raised in Austria and Hungary, where, in spite of the many years that have elapsed since his death, the name of Emperor Maximilian is still held in

kindly remembrance. The conduct of the Mexican government in donating the site for the memorial chapel, and the news which has been received at Vienna to the effeet that it has arranged to furnish elaborate funeral honors at the ceremony of consecretation, have created a deep impression, not only among the Austro-Hungarian people, but also upon the emperor, who has not only exrowed \$100 from Allen. Allen was to pressed his appreciation of the action of President Diaz in the matter, but has likewise intimated his disposition as indications of having has likewise intimated his disposition are noticed. It cures quickly and its thiryt years, friendly relations with I may add that the honors which the

Mexican government is about to grant in connection with the consecration of the cnapel are those which would be conceded by a chivalrous nation to the generalissimo of an hostile army, and who has fallen on the field of battle. During the recent South African war the English as well as the Boers have furnished several illustrations of postmortem military honors to foes of field rank who had fallen in battie, while it may be remembered that a few years ago Emperor William crganized a magnificent military pageant in connection with the exhuma tion and transfer to France of the remains of that French general, Lazare Carnot, who has lost his life during the French invasion of Germany at he beginning of the century, and who had been buried at the time at Madge-

One of the principal sources of biterness of the Austrian imperial famly against Mexico was that Emperor Maximilian had been treated, not as prisoner of war, but as a criminal By the military honors which the re- 25 cents and 50 cents. public is now conceding in connec-

So much public attention was creat- | tion with the consecration of the meed some months ago by the refusal of morial chapel. It is virtually acknowleding that Emperor Maximilian was a foe of the republic who was entitled to minister plenipotentiary, to permit all the honors due to an honorable herself to be taken into dinner at the and chivalrous enemy, and it is this more than anything else that is appealing to Francis Joseph.

Incidentally I may mention that the name by which the ill-fated Mexican monarch was known prior to sailing for the new world was not Maximilian, but Ferdinand.

Doubtless during the ceremony of consecretation, which I understand is to take place next month at Queretaro, the thoughts of many present will travel across the seas to that dismal Belgian chateau of Bouchout, where the white haired consort of Emperor Maximitian is confined, having been under restraint ever since the moment when, during the course of an interview with Pope Pius IX at the vatican in 1867, she suddenly became bereft of hehr reason.

It remains to be seen whether the Austrian government will be officially represented at the consecration ceremony, and it is probable that had it not been for the scene between the Austrian ministress and the Mexican dor at the white house, Dr. von Hengelmuller would have been requested by the Emperor Francis Joseph to represent him at the ceremony.

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